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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas  
Serial No. : 10/087,489  
Filing Date : March 1, 2002  
For : AN APPARATUS FOR  
CONNECTING A LONGITUDINAL  
MEMBER TO A BONE PORTION  
Group Art Unit : 3732  
Examiner : Ramana Anuradha  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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